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SUBJECT: RESUME DEPARTMENT'S DAILY BRIEFING - 12/7/76

NO. 3

1. BOMB THREAT: AT 9:30 THIS MORNING AN AID EMPLOYEE FOUND A NOTE TAPED TO A WALL IN THE BASEMENT PARKING AREA WHICH SAID, IN EFFECT, THERE IS A BOMB IN HERE WHICH WILL EXPLODE IN AN HOUR. THE AID EMPLOYEE REPORTED NOTE TO GUARD AND METROPOLITAN POLICE, A BOMB SEARCH TEAM AND POLICE DOGS RESPONDED. BASEMENT AND PUBLIC AREAS WERE SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. SEARCHED ENDED AT 11:10 AM. NOTE WAS TURNED OVER TO FBI.

2. PREDICTIONS BY NKOMO AND MUZOREWA THAT CIVIL WAR WILL FOLLOW TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA: ASKED WHETHER DEPARTMENT FEELS SUCH PREDICTIONS ARE PESSIMISTIC, ACTING SPOKESMAN SAID WE ARE FOLLOWING GENEVA TALKS VERY CLOSELY, BUT IT IS MUCH TOO EARLY TO SPECULATE ON WHAT WE THINK MAY HAPPEN WHEN MAJORITY RULE COMES TO RHODESIA.

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3. VANCE SCHEDULE TODAY: HE WILL SEE ANDREOTI THIS

AFTERNOON AT BLAIR HOUSE, IS ARRANGING HIMSELF BY TELEPHONE SOME APPOINTMENTS ON CAPITOL HILL, AND WILL THEN BE BACK IN THE DEPARTMENT AT SOME POINT. NO APPOINTMENTS WITH ANYONE SCHEDULED IN THE DEPARTMENT. ASKED WHETHER PRESS OFFICE IS IN POSITION TO TAKE QUESTIONS AND PROVIDE DAILY SCHEDULE FOR VANCE, ACTING SPOKESMAN SAID WE ARE JUST IN PROCESS OF WORKING THIS OUT AND HOPE TO BE ABLE TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION THIS AFTERNOON OR TOMORROW.

4. INVITATION TO CARTER TO VISIT CHINA: DEPARTMENT WAS NOT INVOLVED IN RELAYING INVITATION AND DID NOT HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF IT. WE UNDERSTAND, AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS, THAT INVITATION WAS RELAYED BY INDIVIDUALS WHO VISITED CHINA, BUT THEY HAD NO CONNECTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

5. DATE FOR RENEWAL OF PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS: ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING WORKED OUT FOR NEXT ROUND, BUT WE DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING YET. NO DATE HAS BEEN SET. ROBINSON

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